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LINGERINGS WITH NATURE.—NO. 8.

BY ANNA.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY.

The City of the Dead! It is meet that it should be more beautiful than that of the living! It is fitting that roses should bloom and pleasant shadows fall upon the graves of the loved who have gone before it. Is just that Divine Art should lay her magic hand upon the monumental marble, and thus lend to the heart's boldest affection faultless embodiment! It is good that God permits us the grandeur and gracefulness of the stately elm and drooping willow, the sparkling beauty of falling water, and the brilliant hues of opening flowers, to adorn the cherished homes of our honored dead, and grant us these types and shadows of the crystal fountain, the unfading bloom and the immortal verdure of that blest home whither they have gone. A dim vision of their bliss abode is Greenwood Cemetery, with its mingling of sunshine and shade, glow and shadow, mystery and flowers, ocean-view and river-sounds.

From Ocean Hill, looking far over the level plain, both the whitening sea-foam and from Bay Grove Hill, we gaze in rapture upon the glassy waters of New York Bay, tropicous with the motion of laboring steamers and darting sailing-vessels. Below as lies Brooklyn, with its rural outposts and pleasant surroundings; beyond him, after glistening, water, far as the eye can reach, stretches the Emporium of the New-World—the great island city. From the grand view, encompassing so much of beauty, vastness, and power, we turn to the miracles of nature and the wonders of art, interspersed at our feet. Delicate-blossomed, drooping flowers, and gorgeous shrubs, rise from the green and mossy carpet, half concealing the marble slab, or surrounding the graceful statue or lofty monument. Cherub heads lie motionless in their silent stone, and angel wings, seemingly ready to flutter, still remain unchanged in their body purity. The life-mocking marble moves not, nor even seems to move; it is, for ever, despatched and annihilated, its face, its cherished dust heareth. Colossal bronze ennobles a nation's memories, and grateful and loving hearts are enshrined in many lofty monuments—silent, yet speaking. Winding aisles, long labyrinths, and shaded avenues, lead up the gentle slopes, and are lost in the broad carriage-roads which wend through the whole area, often curving down to the water's edge, and revealing to the enraptured eye dream-like visions of beauty, unuttered and unutterable.

From the centre of the miniature lake rises a single jet of water, high as the surrounding trees-top, and falling back, ripples the whole surface, even to the grassy bank, festering the heavy foliage of the beautiful trees leaning caressingly to their reflection in the sky-rock hollow. There, where the waving shadows creep, and the falling spray glitters in the warm sunlight, open the deep-mouinted vaults; the Gothic monuments, towering above, give to the long landscape view an endowment of chanting variety. There, in the silent earth-clothes hollow, where the wall of the minster and the pines of the reflected oaks, with their shade over the waters and the mantle of the winds there, ever-deepening, and expanding, we can live the living original of those rapt picturings of Heaven's portal, with which the imagination is ever ripe.

If the good and the loved die—if our friends must be harshly torn out of our sight, let it be amid the thick evergreens, beneath the drooping willow, or beside the silver poplar. Let them lie near to kindred dust, in some cherished spot, where gentle hearts, when weary of world-affairs, come to weep, and seek the sooth-ing balm of Nature's presence. Green waters, falling waters, and blue summer skies, may be seen elsewhere; but none so green, so clear, and so deep, as those of Greenwood, and the seats of their life.

THE SLEDGE DRIVE TO CHURCH.

A TALE OF NORWAY.

What a strange, wild country lies Norway! The brook of the church was covered in ice, as I was told, the Olaf old man to call it in his language. In the snow, the boy singular is that jags furrowed, long, low line, stretching above a thousand miles, from the North Cape with its eternal ice, to the sun-baked south, where water and land seem to have been amicably settled by a division of the territory, and the deer forest, the reindeer, and the bear, the sheep project far out into the sea. Norway is truly a beautiful country, with its great waves of snow-fields, the long windings of its lake-like fjords, the roaring Foss, and the quiet lakes of the interior, the mountains, the mighty, the travellers, the midsummer night's sun never setting, the months of darkness, the shepherd's life in the Sæters, the wanderer nomadic Laps, and their encampments, the bear, and the Old World atmosphere and customs which linger in the soul of the land.

A pleasant-looking farm that of Rævadal, resting beneath some sheltering rocks in an inland valley, not far from the coast. The house, which was of timber, was adorned with white, adorned with curious carvings, and pictures cuttings in the beams; while clustering round stood the cottages of the peasants who cultivated the soil. In all the province of Norway, there was not another like it, so simple, and earnest, or a more upright, honourable man, than Andreas Jansen, the owner of Rævadal.

It was early one Sunday morning in mid-winter, and the Jansens were preparing to start, for church, a drive of many miles. One of the sledges had been recently sold, so none of the farm servants were able to go with them. Kather a large party and the remaining sledges were to be used. But with the daylight came more than half; but when the farmer proposed to leave the two boys at home, there was so much lamentation that he relented. Andreas had his coat lined with furs, and his hat was lined with fur, and she was followed by his sons—Raoul the younger, a walking bundle of fun, taking his place on his mother's knees; Ella, the pretty only daughter, next stepped on the sledge, carrying the two boys, and the dog, Hugo, easily. Hugo's tail was bushy, the dog, the day before, had arrived on snow-shoes from the southward, to spend a few days at Rævadal. Andreas mounted to his seat, gently touched with the whip the three horses, gently touched with the whip the horses, and the sledges were ready.

"Only a check," murmured he; "they are mad

ion, and they started at a smart pace. It was quite early, for service began at twelve; and as the distance was great, it was necessary to start betimes. As yet there was no glimmer of daylight, but the sun, though with the light unknown in our latitudes, and there was abundance of light for the journey. Buried in skins and furs, the party did not feel the cold much, though great and rapid expansive denizens had survived many gusts of mortality.

"Proof of the tempest's shock."

"We will save it as long as we can," said Andreas' reply. And his voice was hoarse and husky.

HIS WORDS WERE VERIFIED. In five minutes' time, they awoke here the ringing of the paces; and the horses soon set their steeds, and were whetted by the taste of blood—on, with increased ardor for the chase. Again was on, was shot down—again occurred the temporary hold, and then afresh began the ghastly hunt.

"There is no charge more, father," said Ella.

"The currency question. For the time being, the

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Government is based. Our duty to ourselves, to our families, requires us not to tamely submit to her wrongs and share without a struggle the fate of our country. Our God to freedom and liberty, requires that we should not quietly stand still and see those forces, forcing around us, which are calculated to enslave and bring us, in subjection to an unkindly master, whom, as far as I can see, could only exist in a country of constitutional law, from usurpation, tyranny and oppression.

Theodore J. B. Young, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for the Territory of Utah, in the name of the people of the United States, in the Territory of Utah, forbids:

First. All armed forces of every description from coming into this Territory, under arms.

Second. That all the forces in said Territory hold themselves in readiness to and all such moment's notice to repel any and all such invasion and printed.

Third. Martial law is hereby declared to exist in this Territory, from and after the publication of this proclamation, and no person shall be allowed to pass or repose into or through or from this Territory without a permit from the President.

Given under my hand and seal, at Great Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, this fifteenth day of September, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-second.

THOMAS YOUNG.

Frances, who was a most excellent man—a good rich man. The story of his life is here adapted for youthful minds, and the style is pleasant and interesting. The only danger to be feared in presenting cases of successful men before children for imitation is, that they will learn to estimate the dollar too highly—to worship Mammon too abjectly. But Amos Lawrence was honorable, was high-minded, and exceedingly charitable. This man is such rich man the world can afford, the better, and his example is a fine one for young men. But, after all, the highest aim of a young man in settling out is his desire not to be wealthy, or eminent success, but rather a life of usefulness and an honorable livelihood.

An Expansion of the Assembly's Catechism. By Rev. James F. Flavel. Published and sold as above.

A new edition of a well-known work. It is now bound and printed.

Sermons on Special Occasions. By Rev. John Harris, D. D. Printed and sold for use as above.

The works of Dr. Harris have been very popular, and we hope that they will be equally so in the sufficient room that they will easily find a market.

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sufficient credit to obtain discount at all cases in the least about an additional 5 per cent, for a month or two. For a single month, the difference is \$3,400, or every one thousand dollars, and the larger the sum, the worse of the bargain will he. In rigid justice, so long as any number of the mercantile body are fond to play into the hands of the panic-makers, it is 20 or 25 per cent, or any sum that would be last regarded as an outlay not safely laid in incurred in increasing selfishness.

The fact, however, is that he receives a working for our countrymen, and has been profited, and is upholding us in a position to command the admiration of the world. Under no circumstances could any currency system be open to any other than two objections—first, that it will learn to estimate the dollar too highly—to worship Mammon too abjectly. But Amos Lawrence was honorable, was high-minded, and exceedingly charitable. This man is such rich man the world can afford, the better, and his example is a fine one for young men. But, after all, the highest aim of a young man in settling out is his desire not to be wealthy, or eminent success, but rather a life of usefulness and an honorable livelihood.

An Expansion of the Assembly's Catechism. By Rev. James F. Flavel. Published and sold as above.

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Extract of a Letter to the Editor of the Era. Winona, Iowa, Nov. 18, 1857.

Last night, we had a thunder storm, which turned into a snow storm, and has been keeping all day with a very cold west wind and is about to continue. The weather is most disagreeable. I ever witnessed.

Politics are at a standstill in this region, the financial panic having overtaken everything. It is a sad state, but it is the Bogus Democracy to triumph in Ohio. Nothing short of another outrage on the rights of the working men will bring the people to the polls in this strength.

The Kansas Imbroglio, &c. Later from Europe.

New York, Nov. 22.—The steamer Atlantic arrived this afternoon, with Liverpool dates to the 1st inst. The steamer Asia arrived on the 11th, and the steamer Kangaroo on the 11th.

Messrs. Dennison & Co. have failed; liabilities, £2,000,000 sterling; also, the Western Steamship Co., with debts amounting to £4,000,000 sterling. Messrs. Baker & Co., with Liverpool and New York liabilities amounting to £3,000,000 sterling. Other failures of small concern are also announced.

It was removed from the stocks on Wednesday, that the Bank of France had failed, but the report was of course incorrect. It grew out of the advance in the rates of discount.

The taking of Liverpool has been confirmed. Mr. Greville, just as the enemy was received by Gen. Hooker, just as the enemy was ready to howl it up. A large portion of the city had already been captured. Gen. Niel had been killed, and Gen. Thompson picked up a scythe, and cut his hair.

The intelligence from India had reached England by steamship, and was two weeks later than previous accounts.

Dashi was in full possession of the British on the 21st September. Gen. Nicholson had died of wounds received in battle.

Markets.

Liverpool, Nov. 11.—Cotton.—Sales of the last three days of only 4,500 bales, all to the trade. All qualities have been diminished—say 10 per cent. A steady decline with a doubtful tendency. Quotations nominal.

The Saint and the Saviour" is made up of short articles addressed to all manner of saints and sinners, but is especially adapted to the wants of the Christian.

Guide to the Friends. By Rev. N. Nevins. Published by Young & Son, Co., Lancaster, Pa. For sale by W. Ballou, New York.

This work is intended to be the "Bible student's guide." It contains articles upon the preservation of the Bible—it its results—its freshness—its silence upon certain subjects—evidences—literature—patriotism, &c., &c. The books of the Bible are noticed in chronological order, and their different authors. In short, the work contains a vast deal of information respecting the Bible, and of importance to every student of the holy book.

Nina and Charlie; or, Wick's Holiday at Nysdale Rectory. Published and sold as above.

A well-written religious story, intended for the young. In style it is attractive, and in portions of the book the dialogue is lively. It is neatly printed, and prettily illustrated. We presume it will be welcomed by the juveniles.

Adelaide Monck's Farewell to His Friends and to the Church. Translated from the French. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. For sale by W. Ballou, Washington, D. C.

Adelaide was a distinguished and pious Protestant in France, who was forced to leave her home by a cruel and lingering disease, and finally died under it. The book is divided into twenty-five chapters, each containing good and pertinent advice to the members of the church and family.

Specimens of the Cross; the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. By Robert Leighton, D. D., Arch Bishop of Glasgow. Published and sold as above.

This volume opens with an introductory essay by Dr. John P. Smith. Then follow expositions of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and discourses upon portions of the Bible. The work is an old one, and is well known to the Christian community.

Gold and the Gospel. New York: Carter & Phillips.

This is of such a work as this among the professing Christians of this country. The duties of the rich towards the ignorant, the neglected, and the poor, are misinterpreted or undeceived. This work consists of an essay upon the measure of Christian liberality, by the Rev. Henry Constable, of Cork, Ireland. It is eloquently written, and published in a neat and durable style.

The Money Crisis, &c. The Bank of England (London) raised their rate of discount from 9 per cent, which was adopted on the 4th inst., to 10 per cent.

This movement was considered certain, and regarded as a signal for the fall of the empire. What is the power? Whether it is the Bank of England, or the Bank of France, or the Bank of Richard, Worcester, or Webster—can he find the word "intendu"? Another writer delicately intimates, that if the critic knew how to spell him, he would find "intendu," though not "maudu," in all these dictionaries.

A new Hebrew cemetery was consecrated at Charleston, S. C., last Thursday by Rev. Mr. Jacobi.

Comptroller Barow and Auditor Burroughs have made arrangements by which the interests on the New York State debt, due in January next, will be paid at the Manhattan Bank in New York.

This production of his will be read and approved.

The Poor Boy and the Merchant Prince. By W. M. Thayer. Published and sold as above.

This is a sketch of the life of the late Amos Law-

From Washington.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The visit from Sir George Grey to the President on Saturday was one of comedy. He has not yet been in print; I am sure it deserves to be. Once in a time, then, on a certain Saturday evening the visitor at a social gathering, he was a barker and producer of some boxes of the Pacific columns of military life from the Pacific side—one from Oregon, and the other from California.

While the President was receiving company to-day, not a little excitement was occasioned by the arrival of a telegram from an attorney of the U. S. claims, who had written to withdraw to the private office, which adjoins the office of clerks from each office at work some times through the night. A hasty and crowded trial was made after this one hundred and twenty-four hours, and the trial was immediately adjourned. Here was a most interesting inaccuracy, and correcting the surveys of the C. S. sea, was lost on the eve of returning home, after having devoted one year to the surveying of the coast. Every soul on board expected to be exact and accurate in their work. Every soul on board expected to be exact and accurate in their work.

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DR. WAYLAND'S LETTER TO THE TRACT COMMITTEE.

It will be seen by the following note from Dr. Wayland, that his communication to the late Committee of Investigation, appointed by the American Tract Society, which we transfer to our columns, has been given to the public, in compliance with a request of members of that committee.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 19, 1857.

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, requesting a copy of the paper which I sent to the Investigating Committee of the Tract Society, in October last.

It has been out of my power, until the present moment, to comply with your request. So far as I am concerned, you are perfectly at liberty to use it in any manner which you and other members of the Committee may think proper.

I am, gentlemen, very truly,

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A. PRO-SLAVERY CONSTITUTION ADOPTED, AND NOT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE!

We have the proceedings of the Kansas Pro-Slavery Convention, in session to make a Constitution, down to last Saturday night, Nov. 7th, 1856. Friday, and Saturday, were conducted a number of meetings, and on Sunday, the 8th, a meeting was held, at which the adoption of the Constitution of the Slaveholders' Society was voted upon. The 9th, the 10th, and 11th, were spent in the circulation of Tracts designed to sustain the interests of vital godliness and sound morality.

It is not easy to discover how we shall accomplish this. The 12th, the 13th, and 14th, were spent in the circulation of Tracts designed to sustain the interests of vital godliness and sound morality.

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